

Jewitt Nail Helps Cure Shattered Hip

Surgeons Are Told of Success With New Device.

CHICAGO—Bodily shattered hip joints of elderly people mend faster and safer with a new steel device known as the Jewitt nail, American Academy of Orthopedic Specialists were told here.

Three bone specialists of St. Luke's hospital, New York, said that the method of using pulleys on the leg while the patient remained in bed for as long as 14 weeks.

"It was estimated that about 40 per cent of elderly patients die while in traction," the doctors said. "Others develop pressure sores from lying in bed so long and many develop bladder inflammation and irritation. About 11 per cent have to be transferred to mental institutions because of a severe psychotic state which develops."

Using the Jewitt device, a combination three-angled nail and bone plate all in one piece, the doctors said they have been able to reduce mortality to about 12 per cent and prevent crooked healing.

The time the patient must stay in the hospital has been cut almost half, they said, and the cost proportionately reduced.

Although the hip fracture is traditionally one suffered by old people, the injury often is sustained by individuals in the prime of life, the surgeons said.

About 85 patients with shattered hips have been operated on in New York, using the Jewitt nail, they added.

Surgeons making the report were Dr. Mathew Cleveland, Dr. David M. Baswirth and Dr. Frederick R. Thompson.

Box Used in Rescuing Infant From a Blaze

TITUSVILLE, PA.—A newborn baby, among seven patients rescued when the fire department arrived at a house, was placed in a cardboard box and carried to safety in near zero temperatures and a biting wind.

Other patients were taken out in their beds—the handiest way of keeping them warm. Insurance men said the five-story Baskin-Strauss clinic was valued at about \$200,000. It was formerly the Fieldmore hotel, widely known as a resort because of its mineral springs.

Firemen drained a well dry in a futile attempt to halt the flames.

Vancouver, Wash.—The Vancouver housing authority has declared its tenants can buy coal or sit in the dark.

Originally, the city built housing projects for the poor. But last year the authority decided tenants should buy their own coal. Electricity, however, is included in the rent, and the houses have no meters. So many tenants, officials said, simply stopped using coal, bought electric heaters and let them and ovens run constantly.

The power load got so heavy that three transformers burned out in one week. So from now on stations will use smaller fuses, and if tenants use too much electricity they'll be left in darkness.

Japanese Guards in Sumatra Beat Children, Court Told

TOKYO.—Japanese guards beat and starved Allied civilian women and children internees with the same savagery they used on men in Sumatra, a witness told the international war crimes tribunal. Maj. Cornelius Leenhoeck, former Dutch water polo Olympic star, testified he was an employee of the United States Rubber company at Kiasan on Sumatra, when the Japanese invaded the Dutch East Indies in 1942.

As supervisor who looked out for the interests of women and children in Sumatra's camps, Leenhoeck testified that Japanese army officials visited the camps repeatedly but made no effort to correct conditions.

Hospital Ordered to Pay \$60,000 for Burning Baby

JERUSALEM.—A Palestine district court directed the Jerusalem Mission hospital to pay \$60,000 damages to Threefold Stephen Oran, who has been an invalid since the baby was burned on her first day of life by a leaking hot water bottle. The court held the hospital was negligent. The child has been treated since the injury at Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Inventor's Hand Does Him

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco police arrested an inmate of San Quentin prison for the murder of a social hand that worked fine. It was so good that he won a release to protect the hand for military medical authorities. Police charged the 39-year-old inventor's own, natural hand hadn't served him so well. He was in city jail, being held for Napa and Vallejo police on bad check charges.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 25.—We are all so glad that Mrs. Sam Anderson is improving, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell Taylor of Kingsport, Tenn., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lula Taylor, and brother, Marvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family spent Sunday with her parents at Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Drinkard and Mrs. Frank Drinkard visited Mrs. W. H. Drinkard last Sunday afternoon.

Misses Betty and Bertha Wheeler spent the week-end with Miss Louise Burnett.

Miss Rachel Chick has returned to Norfolk after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chick, and her sister, Mrs. Henry Beard, and family.

Jack Caldwell, Jr. spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith, Miss Lester Carson and Jessie Davidson attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. T. H. Howerton at New Castle on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leby Wheeler and Mrs. Lee Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carson near Lynchburg last Sunday.

Miss Martha Thornhill, of Bedford City, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

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